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Public Act No. 13-217

AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR PHYSICIANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 20-10b of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f) of this section, a licensee applying for license renewal shall earn a minimum of fifty contact hours of continuing medical education within the preceding twenty-four-month period. Such continuing medical education shall (1) be in an area of the physician's practice; (2) reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the public; and (3) during the first renewal period in which continuing medical education is required and not less than once every six years thereafter, include at least one contact hour of training or education in each of the following topics: (A) Infectious diseases, including, but not limited to, acquired immune deficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus, (B) risk management, (C) sexual assault, (D) domestic violence, [and] (E) cultural competency, and (F) behavioral health. For purposes of this section, qualifying continuing medical education activities include, but are not limited to, courses

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offered or approved by the American Medical Association, American Osteopathic Medical Association, Connecticut Hospital Association, Connecticut State Medical Society, county medical societies or equivalent organizations in another jurisdiction, educational offerings sponsored by a hospital or other health care institution or courses offered by a regionally accredited academic institution or a state or local health department. The commissioner may grant a waiver for not more than ten contact hours of continuing medical education for a physician who: [(1)] (i) Engages in activities related to the physician's service as a member of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board, established pursuant to section 20-8a; [(2)] (ii) engages in activities related to the physician's service as a member of a medical hearing panel, pursuant to section 20-8a; or [(3)] (iii) assists the department with its duties to boards and commissions as described in section 19a-14.

(c) Each licensee applying for license renewal pursuant to section 19a-88 shall sign a statement attesting that the licensee has satisfied the continuing education requirements of subsection (b) of this section on a form prescribed by the department. Each licensee shall retain records of attendance or certificates of completion that demonstrate compliance with the continuing education requirements of subsection (b) of this section for a minimum of [three] six years following the year in which the continuing education activities were completed and shall submit such records or certificates to the department for inspection not later than forty-five days after a request by the department for such records or certificates.

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